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VALLEJO RAPPER "PSD" APPEARS IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY
***Arrested at Sacramento International Airport After TSA Agents find 6,000 Ecstasy Pills
Hidden in His Clothes***

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that STEVEN NOEL DAVISON, 34, of Vallejo, California, was taken into custody by federal authorities for possession with intent to distribute "MDMA," popularly known as the drug "ecstasy," after Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies arrested DAVISON at the Sacramento International Airport on July 14, 2008. He made his initial appearance in federal court before Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan today. DAVISON performs as a rap artist under the names "PSD," "PSD tha Drivah," and "Stevie Dee."

This case is the product of an investigation by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration with assistance from the Transportation Security Administration.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Jason Hitt, who is prosecuting the case, DAVISON's arrest came after Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") screeners selected him for pre-screening when he went through the security check point before entering the boarding terminal. DAVISON was attempting to board an Express Jet flight from the Sacramento International Airport. TSA screeners began a pat search of DAVISON and felt a large bulge through his pants inside his inner right leg.

DAVISON initially told the screener that the bulge was a colostomy bag. He then began to attempt to leave at which time a supervisory TSA security screener informed DAVISON that he could be examined in the private screening area inside the secured area of the checkpoint. DAVISON attempted to leave again and indicated that he wanted to go to the bathroom. He was subsequently escorted to the private screening area inside the terminal. Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Sacramento International Airport arrived at the request of TSA screeners.

DAVISON reached into his pants while handcuffed and removed the bag and handed it to a Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy. The Deputy observed that the bag contained approximately 1,000 pills of suspected MDMA. The MDMA pills were green in color with the emblem of a female body on each pill. DAVISON was placed under arrest by officers and escorted out of the terminal.

A TSA screener later discovered 5,000 MDMA pills stuffed into one of the corners of the privacy room where DAVISON was held. It appeared that he had attempted to conceal the bags. These pills were consistent in color and appearance with the pills removed from DAVISON's person.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of possession with intent to distribute MDMA, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, is 20 years in prison.

The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in the Criminal Complaint are only allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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